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SUBJECT: FMG TAKES TOUGHER STAND ON LABOR UNREST

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SUMMARY: INDICATIONS THAT FMG IS TAKING MUCH TOUGHER  
STAND TO COMBAT SPREADING INDUSTRIAL UNREST SEEN IN WARNINGS  
BY FMG OFFICIALS AGAINST STRIKES AND DETENTION OF FOUR  
UNION LEADERS INVOLVED IN INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS. END SUMMARY

1. ON JANUARY 24, FMG INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE KAM  
SALEM ISSUED WARNING TO ALL WORKERS ENGAGED IN, OR CONSIDERING,  
INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS THAT THEY WERE BREAKING THE LAW. POLICE,  
HE STATED, COULD NOT ALLOW WORKERS TO FLOUT LAWS WITH  
IMPUNITY, AND HE CALLED ON WORKERS TO USE LEGITIMATE  
CHANNELS TO SEEK REDRESS FOR GRIEVANCES. GOVERNOR OF  
NORTH-EASTERN STATE, BRIGADIER MUSA USMAN, ECHOED THIS  
LINE WITH STATEMENT FMG WILL NOT SUCCOMB TO THREAT OR BLACKMAIL.

2. AS IF TO EMPHASIZE POINT, POLICE ON JANUARY 24 DETAINED TWO  
OFFICIALS OF NATIONAL UNION OF NIGERIAN BANK EMPLOYEES (NUNBE),  
UNION INVOLVED IN SIX-DAY STRIKE WHICH CLOSED MOST COMMERCIAL  
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BANKS IN MID-JANUARY. OFFICIALS, NUNBE SECRETARY BABS ANIMASHAUN

AND ORGANIZER A.N. AGUWA, STILL UNDER DETENTION AND OTHER NUNBE OFFICIALS ARE THREATENING TO RESUME STRIKE UNTIL THEY ARE RELEASED. MEANWHILE, ANIMASHAUN'S WIFE HAS BEGUN COURT ACTION IN ATTEMPT TO FREE HER HUSBAND.

3. POLICE ALSO DETAINED BRANCH LEADER OF UNION WHICH SHUT OFF LAGOS WATER SUPPLY, AND HAVE BEEN HOLDING HIM ON UNSPECIFIED CHARGES SINCE JANUARY 26. PRESS REPORTS JANUARY 28 INDICATE WESTERN STATE POLICE DETAINED KOLA BALOGUN, SECRETARY OF THAT STATE'S UNITED LABOUR CONGRESS OFFICE AND LEADER OF CONTINUING STRIKE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA) .

4. COMMENT: SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) BEGAN MEETING JANUARY 28, REPORTEDLY TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE FMG RESPONSE TO SPREADING INDUSTRIAL UNREST WHICH HAS PLAGUED NATION IN PAST MONTH. STATEMENTS AND DETENTIONS REPORTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT NEW LINE LIKELY BE TOUGHER THAN BRUSHFIRE APPROACH WHICH HAS THUS FAR PREVAILED. HOPEFULLY, 30 PERCENT MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE GRANTED TO PUBLIC SECTOR WILL GIVE FMG RESPITE IN WHICH TO SORT OUT REGRADING COMPLAINTS AND DEAL WITH PRIVATE SECTOR DEMANDS, WHILE INSTALLATION OF NEW FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC) PROVIDES INSTRUMENT FOR APPLYING NEW POLICY.

5. IN THIS REGARD, NUNBE STRIKE THREAT COULD PROVIDE FIRST TEST OF FMG RESOLVE. FORTUNATELY FOR GOVERNMENT, IT MAY BE ON STRONG GROUND IN THIS CASE, SINCE COMPETING UNION WHICH COVERS 10 OF NATION'S 18 BANKS HAS JUST WON SUBSTANTIAL PAY INCREASES FOR ITS MEMBERS AND MAY BE DISINCLINED TO SUPPORT NUNBE ACTION. SHOULD NUNBE FIND IT DIFFICULT MUSTER RANK AND FILE SUPPORT FOR STRIKE ON BEHALF DETAINED LEADERS, COURT ACTION INSTITUTED BY ANIMASHAUN'S WIFE COULD PROVIDE FACE-SAVING WAY TO BACK DOWN FROM STRIKE THREAT. IF STRIKE ACTION MATERIALIZES, FMG RESPONSE SHOULD OFFER INDICATIONS HOW GOVERNMENT PROPOSES DEAL WITH FURTHER UNREST.  
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